

August
2024



RobinBrooke

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Resident Birthdays

Emily McElhaney 08/03
Vera Mackey 08/13
Bill Schaffrick 08/23
Joyce Bennett 08/25

Employee Birthdays

Tammy Dickey 08/12
Ashley Thompson 08/20
Alexis Foster 08/29
Amber Moore 08/30

Anniversaries

Louis & Topy Polsgrove
08/27

Save the Date

August 13th at 4:30 pm

RobinBrooke Fair

August 22nd at 2:00 pm

Lip Sync Battle

August 30th All Day

Jimmy Buffet Day

Wear Your Beach Attire

Letter from Executive Director

Dear friends,

August is shaping up to be a really fun month at RobinBrooke. Our Activity Department has been busy planning some new activities. We hope everyone comes by to our RobinBrooke Fair, lip sync battle, baby contest and much more. Please see the activity calendar for specific details.

Save the date for September 8-14. This week is National Assisted Living Week and the theme is "Inspiring Generations" so we will be going in the time machine to some previous decades such as the Roaring 20's, 50's, 70's, and 80's. This is your heads up to get your poodle skirt out for our sock hop, bell bottoms for the 70s and acid washed jeans for the 80s, which is my personal favorite decade.

Thank you for your patience as we are working through the assisted living transition under the Kentucky Office of Inspector General. The team has been very busy working on the details and implementing changes. I anticipate August to be even busier as we lead up to the official starting date. Again, the changes will be started in our Open Arms Neighborhood initially with the medication administration. Residents will not see any changes in their daily lives and routine at RobinBrooke other than this medication administration change in Open Arms. Please call or email me if you have any questions.

I hope everyone has a great last month of summer. Let's try to hold on to the warm weather as long as we can.

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Resident Spotlight

Vera (Hamm) Mackey was born on August 13, 1937 in Hardin County, KY. Her parents were Chester Bryan Hamm and Nellie (Cave) Hamm. She had one sister and one brother. Vera graduated from Glendale High School where she was a cheerleader.

After one year of college (University of KY) Vera married Herbert Mackey. They settled into the farming life and had 3 children: Cathy, Libby, and Brian. For many years they traveled the United States and Canada, camping on summer vacations between crops. The family started out tent camping, then moved up to a pickup camper, and finished with a Coachman motor home. Fishing, seeing the sights, and attending rodeos were favored vacation activities. Vera and Herb became partial “snowbirds” in later years, spending part of each winter in Leesburg, FL. There Vera enjoyed card parties, potluck dinners, flea markets, and golf.



In the early 60's Vera worked at Sears and Roebuck in Elizabethtown as a teletype operator. She went back to college with her friend Sarah Routt in the mid 60's and then worked as a substitute teacher for Hardin County Schools, primarily in the high schools. The principals requested her because she kept good discipline. She did this until the birth of her youngest child Brian.

Vera was a member of the Hardin County Homemakers and is a member of First Baptist Church of Sonora. For many years she taught Sunday School for the oldest ladies' class. Many of these ladies had been her mother's friends. Vera was in charge of Bible School when the theme was “western” and she made 125 boot-shaped and cowboy hat sugar cookies. Vera took classes in cake decorating and china painting and became quite good at both. She also played piano and organ, and was an excellent cook. Her beef stroganoff became a Christmas family tradition. Vera always enjoyed spending time with her 3 grandsons. An interesting fact about Vera is that she has 3 Vera namesakes: a niece, a cousin's daughter, and a farm worker's daughter.

Vera has enjoyed calling bingo at Robinbrooke, playing cards, and attending Miss Kathleen's chapel services. Vera is currently in Rehab as she recovers from hip surgery but she would appreciate a visit when she is back at Robinbrooke.

Pet Owners

RobinBrooke is a pet friendly community and we need to maintain vaccination records for all pets visiting or living at the community. If you have a pet residing at RobinBrooke or if you are bringing in a pet(s) to visit, please provide Marcia Thompson, Business Office Director, a recent copy of their vaccination record. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.



July Happenings



Top Row: Left to Right: Jake & Helen Owen celebrating 78 years of marriage on July 13th; "Testify" performing some amazing gospel music; Betty Belcher playing the piano with Nancy Ray beside her.

Middle Row: Left to Right: Staff getting ready for the 4th of July Gathering; Cindy Kennedy flying high on the Eagle; Culinary Team ready to serve everyone at the cookout; Deb Sellers getting the dance party going.

Bottom Row: Left to Right: Bill Rea and Betty Harris enjoying lunch at Fazoli's; Betty Long enjoying lunch at Colton's Steak House & Grill; Sally Dixon & Holly sharing a moment together.

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Cutest Baby Contest!

We would like to invite families and staff to join us and bring your babies on **Monday, August 12th** at **6:00 pm** for RobinBrooke's Cutest Baby Contest! **Age Ranges: 0-12 months** and **1-3 years**. Please contact Cindy Kennedy, Director of Life Engagement/Open Arms, to **RSVP** by **Wednesday, August 7th** and to get more information.

Walk to End Alzheimer's!

The walk to End Alzheimer's is scheduled for Sunday, **September 22nd** at 2:00 pm at Freeman Lake. If you would like to be on the RobinBrooke Team, please contact Cindy Kennedy, Director of Life Engagement / Open Arms.



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